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To: 

Subject: Parachute Ass'ys, S/N 14 & S/N 15, Damage

During regular thirty day parachute inspection (11/13 & 11/19/63) back packs S/N 14 & 15 were found to have damaged main canopy risers. Pack S/N 15, one damaged riser; pack S/N 14, two damaged risers.

The damage to the three nylon risers was caused by a sharp object, and from close inspection they appeared to be knife type cuts. The nylon threads were cut on a straight sharp line.

The location of the damage on the risers, in all cases, was at the tacking, above the shoulder, approximately seven to ten inches from the Rocket 1st release.

The damage (cuts) were, in all cases, adjacent to, (in contact with), the tacking threads on the risers.

It has been suggested that this damage was done by AF personnel (personal equipment group), during ground handling or storage. The type of damage and the handling procedures practiced definitely indicates this damage was not caused by the above group.



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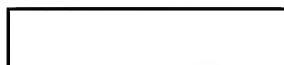
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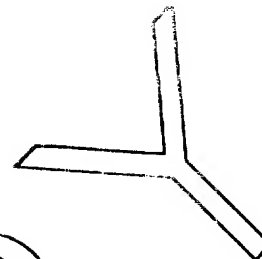
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SUBJECT: Suit Altimeters

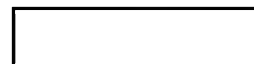
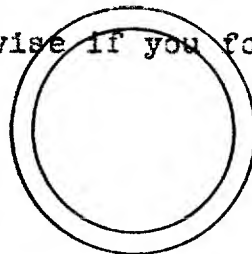


Dear Joe:

Use this letter as your authority to proceed with modification kits for twenty-one (21) additional suits. This will bring the total number of mod kits for suit mounted altimeter to twenty-three (23).

Please advise if you foresee any difficulties in this area.

Very truly yours,



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